

POLICY

The great Tamil savant Thiruvalluvar, in his incomparable work "Thirukkural" has observed as follows, which is as relevant today as it was in the past.

"In sandy soil, when deep you delve, you reach the springs below;

"The more you learn, the freer streams of Wisdom flow".

Education, a bountiful resource forms the basis for the enrichment of an individual's life, the uplifting of the society and the development of the nation. This Government realises that investment in human resource development is crucial for transforming the society and for assuring a productive life for all citizens.

It is the vision of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to make Tamil Nadu the First State in the development of education in India. Accordingly, the Government in School Education Department have formulated the following policies for implementation:

- To provide schools in all habitations where there are no schools if the minimum population is 300 and there is no school within a radius of 1 km.
- To enrol all school age children in schools before 2003.
- To provide five years of schooling to all these children before 2007.
- To provide eight years of schooling for all these children before 2010.
- To eradicate dropouts fully before 2010. To improve the basic amenities in schools.
- To improve and enrich the syllabus.
- To improve the quality of education from the pre-school to the higher secondary.
- To ensure minimum levels of learning.
- To impart refresher training to teachers.
- To eradicate illiteracy
- To maintain confidentiality in public examinations and release the results to the entire satisfaction of the user community.
- To recruit meritorious teachers through written examination within the reservation policy.
- To distribute quality textbooks at fair prices on time.
- To open village libraries.
- To give importance to the vocational education of school students.
- To disseminate health education in schools.
- To involve the parents and also the local bodies in the management of schools to a great extent.
- To impart computer education compulsorily so as to transform the society into a knowledge driven and digitally literate one.

The Directorates under the control of School Education Department implement various schemes promoting these objectives of the Government. The Directorates which shoulder the main responsibilities like the Directorate of Elementary Education, State Project Directorate of District Primary Education Programme and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Directorate of School Education, Directorate of Matriculation Schools, Directorate of Non-formal and Adult Education and other Directorates which provide resource and service support like Directorate of Teacher Education Research and Training, Directorate of Government Examinations, Teachers Recruitment Board, Tamil Nadu Text Book Corporation and Directorate of Public Libraries endeavor and strive hard to help Tamil Nadu achieve new heights in the field of education.

